



Series: The Ocean Fairies

Book: Courtney the Clownfish Fairy

Where's Courtney?

"I can't believe we're going home tomorrow," Rachel Walker said, gazing out to sea. "This has been such a brilliant holiday!"

"I know," her best friend Kirsty Tate agreed. "I'll never forget it."

The two girls were standing on the end of Leamouth Pier, leaning against the railings. It was a warm, clear day, and the sun cast dancing sparkles on the water below. Jolly music boomed out from the funfair behind them. Kirsty and Rachel had been staying with Kirsty's gran for a week of the spring holiday, and it had been a very exciting time. They had met the seven Ocean Fairies, and enjoyed some wonderful adventures with them, trying to find the lost pieces of a Magical Golden Conch Shell.

Rachel sighed. "I'm a bit worried, you know. We still haven't found the last piece of the Conch Shell, and time's running out."

"We can't let the holiday end without finding it," Kirsty replied. "I really hope we meet Courtney the Clownfish Fairy soon!"

Kirsty and Rachel had met the Ocean Fairies on the first day of their holiday, when they'd been invited to a special Ocean Gala Party in Fairyland.

Every year at the party, Shannon the Ocean Fairy played a song on the Magical Golden Conch Shell, which would ensure happy times in and around the oceans for everyone. But this year, before she could play the tune, mean Jack Frost had gatecrashed the party, sneering that he hated the seaside.

He didn't like seeing anyone enjoy themselves and loathed getting sand between his toes! He'd ordered his goblin servants to seize the Golden Conch Shell, but unfortunately they'd started squabbling over it, then dropped it.

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The shell had smashed into seven pieces, but before the Ocean Fairies could grab them, Jack Frost had used his magic to send the shell pieces out into the human world.

Luckily, the Fairy Queen had acted quickly. She'd sent the Ocean Fairies' seven magic creatures – a dolphin, a seal, a penguin, a turtle, a starfish, a whale and a clownfish - out into the human world too, to find and protect each piece of the conch.

So far, Kirsty and Rachel had managed to help six of the Ocean Fairies find their magic creatures and the hidden pieces of the Conch Shell, but they hadn't found Courtney's clownfish, or the seventh piece of shell.

The two girls gazed at the funfair rides, hoping they might see the little fairy. There was a helter-skelter, a bouncy castle, a spinning octopus ride, and lots of sideshows. "Is that a sparkle of fairy dust near the helter-skelter?" Kirsty asked, pointing.

Rachel shaded her eyes to see. "No," she replied sadly. "It's just the flash of a camera." She linked an arm through Kirsty's. "It's no good us searching for Courtney," she went on. "Remember what Queen Titania says? We shouldn't look for fairy magic, it will find its way to us."

Kirsty nodded. "You're right," she said. "Come on, let's go round the funfair. There's a clown over there, look."

The girls wandered closer to the clown who was dressed in a red-and-white spotty romper suit, a little black hat with a yellow flower on top, huge floppy boots, and full clown make-up. He was bending balloons into shapes, and the girls watched as he turned a red balloon into a dog-shape for a little girl, and a blue balloon into a swordshape for a boy.

The clown saw them watching and waved. "Hello!" he called. "Let me make you something."

He pulled out a long orange balloon and twisted it deftly into a fishshape. "Here we are! Don't let him swim away!"

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“Thank you,” Kirsty said, taking the fish-balloon. Then, as the clown walked away, Kirsty’s heart gave a skip of excitement.

There was a magical glimmer coming from inside the balloon...and as she looked closer, she realised it was Courtney the Clownfish Fairy!

Read the rest of *Courtney the Clownfish Fairy* and discover what magic happens next!

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